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MR. ELY AND STANDPAT HUMOR.

CERTAIN standpat Republican newspapers seem disposed to poke fun at Mr. Ely, chairman of the Republican state committee, who has been serving up some exceptionally good advice to his associates in the party leadership of the Grand Old Gang of New Mexico during the past few weeks. The Las Vegas topic, for instance, grows more or less humorous in a sarcastic inference that Mr. Ely would not have to be urged very violently in order to induce him to accept the Republican nomination for governor.

It may amuse newspaper writers and contributors to poke fun at Mr. Ely. It may even serve to amuse the public. But for Mr. Ely's associates, rivals and opponents in the Republican party in this state very little humor is found in Mr. Ely's varied activities. Those activities are along lines which threaten the disruption of a control which has been absolute in Republican party affairs in this state for many years. This is no cause for jesting.

Moreover there is present an evident undercurrent of uneasiness even in the minds of standpat editorial humorists that Mr. Ely seems a chance of receiving the urging he needs to make him the Republican at, at the worst, an independent candidate for governor next fall.

Stranger things have happened in New Mexico politics than would be the elevation of Mr. Ely to a position of actual instead of merely nominal leadership.

THE NEW VOTERS.

ANOTHER prolific source of humorous comment on the part of standpat editors these days is in the claims of Democratic newspaper writers that the new voters who have been coming into this state during the past year are all Democrats.

It is doubtful if Republican leaders—the real bosses of the old game—find anything humorous in this situation or the comment upon it.

A widely known citizen of New Mexico, a Republican in political faith and a man whose information is thorough, said to the writer a few days since that with a continuance of good conditions during the coming year he estimated 25,000 new people would come into northeastern New Mexico alone. He stated further that ninety per cent of them would, if permitted to cast a ballot, vote the Democratic ticket.

In Union county during the past year many farms have produced sufficient wheat to more than pay the original purchase price at the beginning of the season.

When land is capable of doing tricks like that farmers are coming to farm all of it that is available. More is known about Union county among Texans than among the people of any other state. Of course it is possible that the Republicans are right and that only Republicans are leaving Texas. But it isn't very probable.

ON RURAL SANITATION.

REDUCTION in typhoid fever and improvement in sanitary conditions have followed the intensive investigations of rural communities carried on by the United States public health service in co-operation with local and state health officers, according to the annual report of the surgeon general of that service. During the past fiscal year 16,369 rural homes in eight different states were visited and many of them re-visited. In each of these homes information was obtained as to the prevalence of disease and insanitary conditions and a complete sanitary survey of the premises conducted. This was followed by suggestions to determine if remedial measures had been instituted. In but a relatively small percentage of the cases did the persons concerned, after having their attention drawn to the danger of a particular unsanitary condition, fail to inaugurate corrective measures. Stimulus was given to the work by means of public lectures, the formation of active sanitary organizations and the enlisting of all public-spirited citizens in the campaigns for reform. Public buildings were also inspected

and local authorities given expert advice in solving such sanitary problems as the disposal of excreta, the prevention of soil pollution and the maintenance of pure water supplies.

The surveys made during the year 1914 had shown that in rural communities less than one per cent of the homes had sanitary toilets and that more than fifty per cent of the people were using water from polluted sources. This condition, according to the public health service, made the rural sanitation question loom large among the matters vitally affecting the welfare of the nation. Following these studies and as a result of the interest aroused, the typhoid fever rate, an excellent indicator of the sanitary status of a community, has in some places frequently been cut to one quarter of its previous figure. In Berkeley county, West Virginia, the cases of typhoid fever were reduced from 245 to 46 in one year. In Orange county, North Carolina, the rural sanitation campaign resulted in a reduction of the cases from 59 to 17.

The tangible results of operations in rural sanitation indicate that marked advancement in maintaining hygienic and satisfactory surroundings in country districts is possible by the application of the common principles of preventive medicine. Insanitary conditions exist largely because they are not known to be such. Actual demonstrations of their harmfulness, together with definite recommendations for their correction, remain one of the most gratifying and successful methods for instilling reforms and has been, in the experience of the public health service, invariably accompanied by definite and measurable results.

SKIMMING AND DELIVERING.

CHARLES R. JEDD, director of the school of education of the University of Chicago, says that children who read most rapidly usually read most intelligently. Those who pick their way word by word do not grasp the thought with so much facility.

On this finding might be based deductions of two predominating kinds of intelligence. There is that which reads all of life's messages rapidly, and does not go into detail; and that which leaves many pages unturned, yet masters a few paragraphs.

One is the skimmer, the other the deliverer. If they go afield, the skimmer enjoys clouds, flowers, birds, trees, hills and homes equally. The deliverer may concentrate his attention on the geological aspects of the landscape and heed naught else.

The skimmer and the deliverer are both necessary. But the skimmer usually takes advantage of the deliverer, since a skimmer selects the best of sentences of numerous deliverers and profits by labor which is not his own.

FIRST SIBERIAN CORPS HAS MANY DISTINCTIONS

(Associated Press Correspondence.) Headquarters of the First Siberian Corps.—The First Siberian regiment, which with others of the First Siberian corps turned the tide of battle at Lodz when a Russian army was almost completely enveloped by the Germans, and which were the brunt of the fighting before Warsaw, has a history dating back two hundred years. It was created in 1726 by Peter the Great. It was the regiment sent in the Chinese expedition in 1900-02, and for its services at that time it was awarded a flag with a special inscription by the emperor. It was a part of the First Manchurian army in the Japanese war and fought at Lo-Yan, Chai-fai and Mukden. Much has been written about their intrepid valor during that struggle.

When the present emperor, as heir to the throne, went to the Far East, he christened the regiment his own, with the right to bear his initials upon their shoulder-straps. This special distinction has created a bond of sympathy and good fellowship among officers and men. The regiment has many gifts from the emperor and from other foreign regiments, creating a collection of great historic value as well. When the regiment is at home, at every feast or function a chair is kept at the head of the table or in the place of honor for the emperor.

Above it always is placed his portrait, one of his many gifts. At regimental dinners the portrait is veiled until the toasts are reached, when it is uncovered, and the first toast is to his imperial majesty. The place at table is served as though the emperor were present in fact.

Another tradition of this regiment, which is ancient and abandoned by nearly all other Siberians, is the presentation of the winecup. It is greatly observed except when the emperor is present or for other distinguished guests. To the singing of a special regimental song in which the guest is addressed by his Christian name and in the familiar form "thou" and "thine," he is offered successive cups of wine and urged to "drink to the bottom in the name of our friendship." After the third repetition it is customary for the guest to break the glass, whereupon the sentiments of fellowship are expressed by cheers and song.

Las Vegas Postoffice Has Increase. East Las Vegas, N. M., Jan. 20.—The East Las Vegas postoffice had a net increase in income for the month of December amounting to \$164.95, as compared with the same month of 1914.

The last quarter of 1915 showed an increase of \$1,249.16 as compared with the similar quarter of the previous year.

Of Agin On Agin

STICKLAND & GILLMAN

The Head-On-The-Hand Picture When he had his picture taken with his head upon his hand, we were good and proud of Billy—he was looking something grand! He had started in to college and was tagged for father's frat. Or some other great achievement quite as wonderful as that. So we were impressed with Billy and were proud to beat the band.

When he had his picture taken with his head upon his hand. That is, all we kids felt that way. Father seemed to like it less. For he said, "Good Lord!" when shown it, and he seemed in deep distress.

Mother grinned a bit and giggled, and somehow it wasn't joy. Of the kind we had expected, for the honor of her boy. And she said, "Remember, Father?" "Yes," he said. "I cannot stand. To recall my picture taken with my head upon my hand!"

Finnish Philosophy There ain't much difference between our blizzard an' our worst wurk except in our own imagination.

What Are They? "Does your daughter attend school, Mrs. Partington?" "Yes, she attends one of those vocational schools."

Try This On Your Edson. "I notice that Greece is still firm," said the idiot, as he tried in vain to spread the frozen butterine on his cold pancake.

Case Of International Deplorability One thing this war is doing—it is developing a lot of the best little international deplorers we have ever had.

Bad Omens "What do you think of hyphenated Americans?" "Mighty little. And I'm also sorry I named my boy Ed."

They Sure Ought! The other day we saw a sign that some fat young travelers we have not ought to carry on themselves. It was put up by a tourist association, and it said: Special Attention Given To Ladies Traveling Alone.

Merit Rewarded The man who resists evil tendencies had a horrible night in the sleeper, owing to the heat and the disturbances.

The porter woke him for the wrong town, just as he had started in on his first sound sleep of the night.

He left his toilet set in the washroom and somebody swiped it. He rushed into the luggage-room at the breakfast station, and asked for some provender, including buttered toast.

When it came in, it was not buttered. The waiter apologized, and the good man assured him it was all right.

The waiter then spilled the coffee all over the counter, so that the man was saturated with it.

But the patron only smiled politely, though yearning to kill the stupid chump.

As he was standing at the cashier's desk patiently explaining to her that he had short-changed him, he heard the blundering waiter say to his side-partner: "That guy's a nut."

Probably Yes Any of those N. Y. R. bent or cracked yet?

Some folks are still spugging.

Time For Silence The woman whose husband wanted to buy a bale last year and who advised him against it, is off the 1-told-you-so-stuff just now.

Game Law Violation A United States attorney in Honolulu has been recalled for shooting a local lawyer in the closed season.

The Young Lady Across The Way



The young lady across the way says she thinks her father's sympathies are with the English but he's very careful about what he says and nobody outside of the family would even suspect him of being an Anglophobe.

Itching, bleeding, protruding or blind piles have yielded to Doan's Ointment. 50c at all stores.

Vest Pocket Essays

BY GEORGE FITCH

FIRES

FIRES are a form of national entertainment which is becoming more popular in America with each decade. The American fire has been so improved in effectiveness and in spectacular features in late years, that it is now able to draw its audience from a baseball game, a prize fight or an aeroplane race with equal ease.

Fires are viewed with pleasure and enthusiasm by all classes, from the limousine to the kerosene strata. A good fire costs more to produce than grand opera, and it is even more unprofitable to the proprietor as a rule. Fires are caused by over-heated chimneys, spontaneous combustion, cigarettes, crossed wires, exploding stoves and poor business. When a building becomes feverish from any of these causes, the fire department is instantly called and it adds to the horror of the occasion by squirting water on the piano, the hardwood floors and the cook. America has the most talented and resourceful water squirts in the world, which is only natural, however, because they have three times as many fires to practice on as the firemen of any other country.

Fires usually visit our homes in the night and are more terrible as guests than burglars or convention delegates. Almost every American citizen has been compelled at least once in his life to rise at a very few a.m., dress himself in a plug hat and a portiere and lower himself down the smoke-filled back stairs with a baby in one hand and a waste basket in the other. When fires occur in schools, hotels or theatres, the consequences are unpleasantly sad at the thought of the prevailing American habit of making buildings safe for their occupants only after they have burned down. However,

each holocaust causes a new law to be passed and many lives are thus saved. Among our most valuable martyrs are the men, women and children who have given their lives as evidence that our building laws



Lowering himself down with a baby in one hand and a waste-basket in the other

need improving and enforcing. Other countries adopt reforms before hints of this sort can be given, but we are not so stingy with our citizens. We have plenty of them, and can well afford to lose a few hundred now and then, rather than to improve the sensitive soul of some politician by insisting that he work at his public job. Hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of buildings are burned in America each year, and this fact is alluded to with great scorn by our critics. However, as far as the burning of buildings goes, the fire and is one of America's greatest friends, because through him we are rapidly getting rid of most of the architecture of the seventies.

MEMBERS OF GROSS AND KELLY FAMILIES SOON TO BE MARRIED

East Las Vegas, N. M., Jan. 20.—Announcement was made yesterday of the approaching marriage of members of the Gross and Kelly families, the heads of which have been business associates for many years.

The announcement follows: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gross of Norwalk, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Caroline, to Mr. Daniel T. Kelly, of Trinidad, Colo. The marriage will occur shortly after Easter.

Miss Gross is the daughter of one of the leading members of the firm of Gross-Kelly & Co., while Mr. Kelly is a son of Harry Kelly, also prominent in connection with that concern and manager of the company's establishment at Trinidad, Colo.

BOWMAN BANK ADDS A COOL \$100,000 TO ITS PAID IN CAPITAL

Las Cruces, N. M., Jan. 20.—Announcement was made here early this week in the effect that the Bowman Bank & Trust Co., had authorized, at its annual meeting December 9, to pay in an additional \$100,000 of capital, in order to have more funds with which to work.

The money now has been paid in by the stockholders, of whom there are some 25.

3,500 LICENSES FOR AUTOMOBILES ISSUED

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 20.—Automobile licenses for 1916 issued up to the close of business yesterday at the office of the secretary of state totaled 3,546, which is fully half as many again as had been issued at a corresponding time last year. It is expected the registration will run to 5,000 this year, or possibly 6,000.

Views Of The Press

Moral Education

A YOUNG man arrested for safebreaking gives as an excuse that he was tired of living off his brother and friends, and he wanted to get money in some other way, an honest way apparently not suggesting itself to him. There is something radically wrong when a young man of 19 years, in good health and with a fair education, has to live off his relatives and friends. That he is willing to do it at all shows a lack of character and manliness that bodes ill for his future. In this instance it was in all probability less of a revival of manliness of spirit than impotence and displeasure at the trouble and small result of working his friends, which led to his effort to work the safe of a stranger instead, for his spending money.

Parents who fail to instill into their boys a spirit of manly independence and a habit of industry do them a terrible wrong. When boys are overindulged in their youth they are apt to be impressed with the idea that it is not necessary for them to do anything to get what they want or need, but that somebody will give it to them. When they are apt to get fixed in their minds that there is a better way of getting a living than by working for it. When they early develop a tendency to get things by sharp practice or to neglect the clear dividing line between what is theirs and what belongs to somebody else, if that tendency is not checked and its evil inspiration made clear, it is certain to develop into a habit of life which can mean nothing else than

failure, disgrace, crime and the penitentiary or the gallows.

The greatest things in education that can be given a young man is independence and integrity of character. It is greater than grammar, literature, science, art or music, or all of what we commonly call education put together. It is one of the failures of our modern machine system of education, that we are giving our boys less of character building than was formerly the case in our public schools, colleges and universities. This is now practically left to the churches, Sunday-schools and parochial schools. The movement on foot to add religious instruction to the public school system, but to do it dominantly outside the school walls, is an evidence of a growing realization of the failure of our schools to do this essential work of character building.

There has been a great deal said about saving the world from sin and misery through education, but more education in the ordinary sense will not save our social organism. There was more stability and integrity of character in the Puritan colony of Massachusetts, with mighty little education as compared with that of today, than there is in the same State now. That was because attention was given to developing the moral and religious life of the young, which is now almost entirely neglected in educational work outside religiously conducted and controlled institutions. The growing numbers of boys in our reform schools and young men in our penitentiaries is an eloquent plea for a great increase in the moral element in our educational methods.—St. Louis Star.



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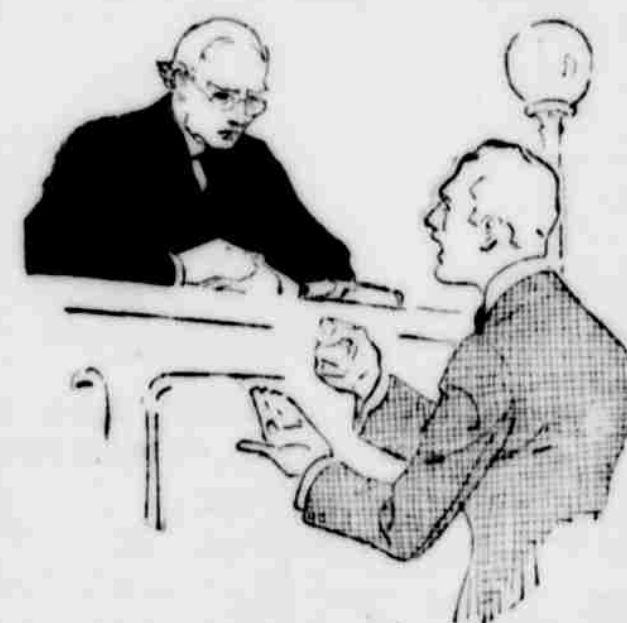
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